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Regarding the current war and ongoing deployments, we discuss the dual impact of combat missions on soldiers and their worries about the safety and welfare of their

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biological, chemical and nuclear weapons, and other uncertainties. As service providers, we are reminded that the problems families

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Continued from page 1 mission. A range of services and programs for the families of deployed soldiers attest to the Army's efforts to minimize the stress and anxiety deployed soldiers feel concerning the safety and welfare

ment.

An important part of respond-

of their families during a deploy-

terrorist attack. An initial step in preparing the plan would be to review existing emergency response procedures to determine if they currently provide guidance to families on responding to a terrorist attack. Organizations in many civilian communities are developing preparedness plans to

provided for in the event of a



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Continued from page 2 in place to ensure the safety of their families and communities, it may decrease the stress they experience worrying about their families and allow them to be more

oriented to their deployment mission. Remember to: (1) be

vigilant, (2) recognize the realistic

risk of terrorism, (3) establish and

Captain Cliff Gilmore graciously volunteered to contribute to this

article.

During our training, we received intensive instruction and practice in preparing for and responding to media requests for information. In addition, we simulated a live television interview. Hopefully, most of you will

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Continued from page 3 the information you release in good taste and not release information that might cause distress. Policy

refers to adherence to national and

local means of doing business.

Ability, Competency, and Authority (ACA). Ability means assessing if you have the knowledge,

through the process, you gain confidence that you will be successful in answering the questions and getting your point across. You need to know the facts surrounding the issue about which you have been given permission to respond. The following are the suggested steps you should go through.

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answer the question. Some of us
will give longer answers than
others. Some may say that a
message is just propaganda. However, remember that this is your
chance to talk to the audience and
inform them. Always remember

that your audience is more than just

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the reporter; it is the group of

play the part of the reporter. 4. Finally, after it is over, evaluate your performance. Did you give the answer you wanted to or could you have done more? Did you give the appropriate message in addition to the response to the question? Did you sound convincing? Did you violate any trust of security, accuracy, propriety, or

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ability to quickly shift cognitive

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IPV victims with PTSD per-

Continued from page 5 brain that are active during a task. The tasks can be as varied as listening to tones, reading, talking, and thinking. It is also able to show differences in brain function in different diseases and other pathological conditions. Neuropsychological tests are often used in

neuroimaging studies. Neuropsy-

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